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UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND  
DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

January 26, 2007

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ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10553473 in the amount of \$100.00 has been denied.

Claims 27 & 28 are acceptable dependent claims.  
Claim 26 is an acceptable multiple dependent claim which refers to independent claims 20 or 21.  
Because claim 21 is counted as two, claims 27 and 28 are also counted as two each. See attachment.

Sincerely,

RITA WHITE  
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